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TAGS: SNAR, BM, TH

SUBJ: CAPTURE OF LO HSING HAN

REF: BANGKOK 11047

FOR AMBASSADORS MARTIN AND UNGER FROM HANDLEY

1. DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES ENORMOUSLY GRATIFIED AND PLEASED AT NEWS THAT LO HSING-HAN HAS BEEN APPREHENDED. WE REGARD THIS AS PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE ACTION YET IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. PLEASE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO GUB AND RTG. WE TRUST THAT VALUE OF CLOSE BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE

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TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE SO EVIDENT AS NOT TO REQUIRE UNDER-

LINING BY US, BUT THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY THE KEY ELEMENT.

3. ASSUME IT ALSO UNNECESSARY FOR US TO POINT OUT THAT LO'S
ESCAPE OR RELEASE FROM CUSTODY WOULD BE INEXCUSABLE.

4. REUTER'S JULY 19 ITEM FROM BANGKOK CITES REPORTS THAT
POLICE AND AMERICAN AGENTS SEIZED 3.5 TONS OF RAW OPIUM IN
RAIDS IN MAE HENG SON PROVINCE. WOULD APPRECIATE FULL
ACCOUNT OF US PARTICIPATION IF ANY.

5. WE WELCOME FURTHER REPORTS AND COMMENTS ON THIS
IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT SOONEST BOTH FOR OUR OWN UNDER-
STANDING AND FOR POSSIBLE USE WITH MEDIA. COMMENTS SHOULD
INCLUDE ASSESSMENTS BY BOTH EMBASSIES OF IMPACT AND
SIGNIFICANCE OF REMOVING LO FROM ILLICIT NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING. RUSH

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